

Alaska Psychiatric Institute Stop-Gap Repairs**FY2002 Request: \$379,500**
Reference No: 33682**AP/AL:** Appropriation
Category: Health/Safety
Location: Anchorage Area-wide
Election District: Anchorage Area-wide
Estimated Project Dates: 07/01/2001 - 06/30/2006**Project Type:** Deferred Maintenance**Contact:** Randall Burns
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This is the Alaska Psychiatric Institute's (API's) annual "stop gap" facility maintenance and repair request, as well as a request for the funds to continue to make the fire/life safety upgrades at API necessary to meet minimal occupancy standards. As long as the Department's plan to vacate the current facility is delayed, stop-gap funds will be necessary.

Funding:

	FY2002	FY2003	FY2004	FY2005	FY2006	FY2007	Total
GF/MH	\$379,500						\$379,500
Total:	\$379,500	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$379,500

<input type="checkbox"/> State Match Required	<input type="checkbox"/> One-Time Project	<input type="checkbox"/> Phased Project	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On-Going Project
0% = Minimum State Match % Required		<input type="checkbox"/> Amendment	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mental Health Bill

Operating & Maintenance Costs:

	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Staff</u>
Total Operating Impact:	0	0
One-Time Startup Costs:	0	
Additional Estimated Annual O&M:	0	0

Prior Funding History / Additional Information:

CH34/SLA00/P10/L25- \$100,000 AMHTAAR and \$154,500 AHFC Dividends CH208/SLA90/P107/L9 \$1,810,532 Mental Health Trust Income Account. CH96/SLA91/P36/L6 \$850,000 Mental Health Trust Income Account. CH5/SLA92/P34/L19 \$960,703 Mental Health Trust Income Account. CH79/SLA93/P10/L36 \$258,095 Mental Health Trust Income Account. CH4/SLA94/P9/L15 \$330,910 Mental Health Trust Income Account. CH138/SLA98/P14/L30 \$142,327 GF/MH. CH85/SLA99/P9/L11 \$225,000 MHTAAR.

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This capital request funds the purchase of materials and labor needed to keep API's physical plant, fire/life safety systems, and grounds code-compliant, functional, and operational. API is a 38 year-old facility whose well-worn physical plant must be maintained and continuously repaired to ensure around the clock operation. API maintenance is complicated by the fact that it is an asbestos-filled facility. This funding only attempts to maintain API as minimally operational. At this time, a number of significant issues continue to plague facilities management, including the ongoing degradation of the hot water heaters, the aging of its laundry and dietary equipment, and lack of a functioning air handling/exchange system. There are also compliance issues related to facility fire/life safety systems, and security systems. Together, these items require significant, ongoing alterations and "Band-Aids" to keep API operational.

Of this request, \$225.0 will fund 3.0 PFT maintenance personnel (\$172.9), and the purchase of piping, lumber, electrical, mechanical, and general hardware supplies (\$52.1) to repair and renovate, as necessary, API's physical plant and operating systems (i.e., API's mechanical, electrical, heating, and hot water systems, as well as daily upkeep of hospital patient units, kitchen, laundry, housekeeping, business office, and other administrative and clinical office space). This request does not fully fund API's maintenance and repair needs, which in FY99 and FY00 (through March, 00) cost an additional \$90.1 of API's operating funds.

In addition, \$154.5 is necessary to fund those fire/life safety upgrades necessary to minimally meet local fire/life safety codes and Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations' accreditation standards before API is located in a replacement facility.

In FY00, for example, as part of its risk management, API replaced all of the stalls in the bathrooms on its patient units (and in bathrooms accessed by patients elsewhere in the hospital) with stalls that did not have support beams that could be employed by patients as a part of a suicide gesture. This project cost \$11,035.00. Numerous locks on doors throughout the hospital had to be changed to meet fire codes and Americans with Disabilities Act requirements, installing lever locks instead of regular door knobs, at a cost of \$4,411.00. As two final examples: all seclusion room doors had to be changed out, to remove door knobs from the inside of seclusion rooms (cost: \$1,773.00), and, for security/safety reasons, a silent alarm was added to a bedroom door on the forensic unit, an alarm that sounds in the nurses station whenever the patient leaves the bedroom (cost: \$1,040.00). These changes were required for a variety of life/safety issues, and required considerable staff and supply expense. Changes of this type are ongoing and expensive, and often unanticipated.

Results:

Shared Vision II, page 131: ensure that the minimum set of services, specified in statute (AS47.30.046), are available in all areas of the state on either an individual or community level.

Indicators:

Maintain sound, safe and secure facilities to provide services to individuals experiencing mental illness or developmental disabilities.

Performance measures:

All critical building systems maintained at a minimally operational level, and assurances that the fire/life safety systems are acceptable to local authorities and meet accreditation standards.

Grant or Contract Type:

Not applicable.